HAND-GRENADE SCALE INFESTS HIBISCUS IN FOUR COUNTIES

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A preliminary survey by the Plant Inspection Section has shown a hand-grenade scale (Cerococcus sp.) to be established on Hibiscus spp. in Brevard, Dade, Lee and Pinellas Counties.

Hibiscus plants in ornamental nurseries infested with the hand-grenade scale are to be quarantined by the Division's plant inspectors.

Preliminary control investigat ons in Miami indicate dimethoate (Cygon) to be an effective insecticide for control of this soft scale.

Dr. L. C. Kuitert, head of the Entomology Department of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station at Gainesville, suggests that homeowners use Cygon or Ethion for control. The infested plants are to be sprayed three times at intervals of four weeks. The spray mixture must be agitated thoroughly before spraying.

Insecticide and dosage recommendations are as follows:

Dimethoate (Cygon) 43.5% EC at 1 pint to 100 gallons of water.
Ethion 46% EC at 1 pint to 100 gallons of water.
Ethion 13% EC at 2 quarts to 100 gallons of water.
Ethion 25% WP at 2 pounds to 100 gallons of water.

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ASKED if a fertilizer would stimulate the growth of a certain Hibiscus, a nurseryman replied. "Can't say for sure. I never been able to understand whether the stuff actually stimulates the plants or whether it's just so downright repulsive that they try to grow away from it."

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The Blonde down the hall says maybe a red corpuscle is a Russian non-commissioned officer.

IT'S THE DRIVER

"It isn't the car that begins to whine
When forced to stop for an old stop sign -
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that will take a drink,
Then quickly lose its power to think -
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that fails to heed
The dangers of reckless, discourteous speed -
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that steps on the gas
And causes an accident trying to pass -
It's the driver.

A car may be bent and twisted awry.
But it isn't the car that will have to die -
It's the driver."

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Then there was the fellow who said he was at a terrible disadvantage when he first met his wife -- he was single.